

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1-4. (Canceled).

5. (Currently Amended) A free-flowing particulate detergent composition or a component therefor which comprises 2.5 to 5% by weight of magnesium stearate, based on the weight of the composition or component before addition of the magnesium stearate, wherein the detergent composition or component has a hygroscopicity of at least 2% without the magnesium stearate being present, wherein the magnesium stearate is particulate and layered onto the surfaces of the detergent composition or component, wherein the magnesium stearate is present on the surface of the particles, and wherein the detergent composition or component comprises ~~A component according to claim 4, which is a perfume granule comprising maltose and polybutyl methylaeryate methylacrylate.~~

6. (New) The composition or component of claim 5, wherein said hygroscopicity value is greater than 5%.

7. (New) The composition or component of claim 5, wherein said hygroscopicity value is greater than 10%.

8. (New) The composition or component of claim 5, wherein said hygroscopicity value is greater than 20%.

9. (New) The composition or component of claim 5, wherein said hygroscopicity value is greater than 25%.

10. (New) The composition or component of claim 5, wherein the magnesium stearate has a number average particle size of from 0.1 to 500 micrometres.
11. (New) The composition or component of claim 5, wherein the magnesium stearate has a number average particle size of from 1 to 200 micrometres.
12. (New) The composition or component of claim 5, wherein the magnesium stearate has a number average particle size of from 2 to 200 micrometres.
13. (New) The composition or component of claim 5, wherein the magnesium stearate has a number average particle size of from 3 to 50 micrometres.
14. (New) The composition or component of claim 5, wherein the magnesium stearate has a number average particle size of from 3 to 20 micrometres.